



NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH ZONES

Block Watch is a national crime prevention program that is based on the principle that neighbors working together are the first and most important line of defense against neighborhood crime.

The Harrison Police Department Neighborhood Crime Watch Zone Program is an extension of the national Block Watch concept. We tend to know and watch out for our closest neighbors or group of neighbors at our end of a street. Many times those living on one end of a street may not know the people at the other end. Organizing a Neighborhood Crime Watch Zone incorporates this attitude of watchfulness and concern for your neighbor's property as well as yours. It only takes two commitments to establish a Crime Watch Zone: a commitment from two residents on a street to be concerned about their neighbor's property and their own, and a commitment that when they see suspicious activity, they will take action by calling the police and their neighbor.

The Harrison Crime Watch Zone Program does not require any special tasks to be performed or any extra responsibilities. You don't have to patrol your neighborhood or chase burglars. All it requires is that you and your neighbors be familiar enough with your neighborhood to know who belongs and who doesn't; which cars are part of the neighborhood and which aren't; and when something suspicious is going on, report it.

Responsibilities and Duties

- Report suspicious activities or emergencies to 9-1-1 immediately.
- Call your neighbors after you have reported to 9-1-1.
- Welcome new neighbors and invite them to join the Crime Watch.
- Periodically look out the window and report any suspicious activity or strange noises to 9-1-1.
- Lock your doors and windows whenever you leave your home.
- Install deadbolt locks on exterior doors.
- Use electric timers on lamps and radios.
- Be sure your house address is visible from the street.